

KNOW before you THROW

HOWARD COUNTY, MD



April News from Howard County Recycling

Yard Trim Collection Resumes Next Week

The curbside yard trim collection will resume the week of April 3



Remember! Yard trim must be set out in paper bags, bundles or open-top containers (**no County-issued recycling carts or bins**).

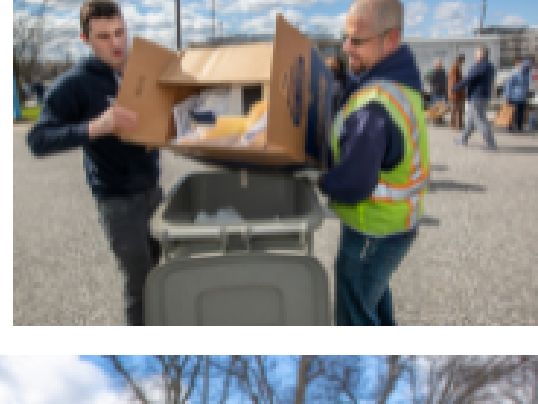
Material in plastic bags will **NOT** be accepted.

Did you know? For homes that receive yard trim collection, there are two trucks that come to your neighborhood--one for recycling and one for yard trim or food scraps ([if eligible](#)). Pickup times may vary, so be sure to give the crews the entire day to collect both materials. Material must be out at the curb by 6am to ensure collection.

[Yard trim collection guidelines](#)

Mark your calendar

Join us for the 16th annual [GreenFest](#) event on **Saturday, April 15** at Howard Community College!



[Learn more](#)

Household Hazardous Waste Resumes

Starting Saturday, April 1 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Resumes at Alpha Ridge Landfill.



What is HHW?

Household materials that are considered corrosive, flammable, reactive or toxic require proper disposal.

Before attending a HHW Saturday, be sure to [consult our list of acceptable materials](#). Be sure to keep materials in their original containers (**do not mix**) with the lids tightly secured.

[HHW Guidelines](#)

Attend a Composting Demonstration

Learn the basics of composting and take home a **FREE** backyard bin



Feed your garden organically, recycle kitchen scraps and yard trim and improve your soil's health!

The Howard County Master Gardeners are here to help educate residents and answer any gardening questions. Attend a composting demonstration and get started making your own valuable soil amendment.

April Demonstrations

- Saturday April 1, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Monday, April 10, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, April 15, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Monday, April 24, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, April 29, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill

[Download the 2023 Schedule](#)

Celebrate Earth Month!

Happy Earth Month! How are you celebrating?



[20 Minute Cleanup](#)

County-wide

All April Long

Participating in the 20 Minute Cleanup is easy. Just pick a location and then safely pick up the litter that you find. Use your regular trash and recycling pickup service to dispose of what you collect. Once volunteers do a cleanup, please email ocs@howardcountymd.gov with the number of people who participated and how many bags of trash and recycling were collected. Pictures are encouraged!

[GreenFest](#)

Howard Community College (SET Building)

Saturday, April 15 10am - 3pm

GreenFest is Howard County's largest celebration of Earth Day. The event aims to connect residents with the resources that local businesses, non-profits and government provide to help anyone be a good steward to the environment.

[Earth Month Events at the Library](#)

Multiple Branches

All April Long

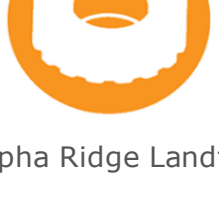
Attend a class on container gardening, pollinators or upcycling denim. Check out all of Howard County Public Library's [Earth Month events](#).

[Earth Day Celebration Events](#)

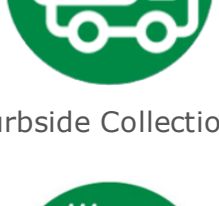
Various locations

Saturday, April 22

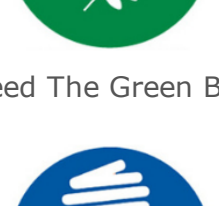
Volunteer with Recreation and Parks for cleanups and tree plantings. To register, please visit their volunteer [website](#).



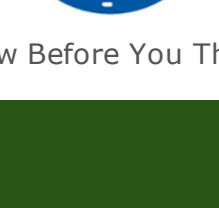
Alpha Ridge Landfill



Curbside Collections



Feed The Green Bin



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[Bureau of Environmental Services](#)
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

410-313-6444
Normal hours:
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Normal hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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